

# ASHBOURNE DONAGHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Year B  
21 April 2024



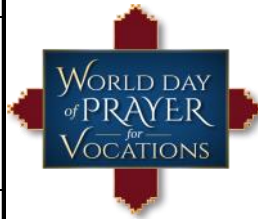
*'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.'*

John 10:11

## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 20th	7pm	Ciarán Hennelly, Killeglan (Months Mind) Anthony Laffey; Edmund & Jimmy O'Donnell; Boylan & Garvey Families; Mary Gray; John Dunne & Son Billy
Sunday 21st	9am	McLoughlin & Tierney Families
Donaghmore	10am	Colette O'Herlihy
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Patrick Bruton
Monday 22nd	10am	Eamon Tuttle
Tuesday 23rd	10am	Michéal Tuttle
Wednesday 24th	10am	James, Bridget and Denis Kelly
Thursday 25th	10am	PJ McGrath
Friday 26th	10am	Joe Finn
Saturday 27th	7pm	Deceased of Eager & Heffernan Families; James & Maureen Moloney; Hughie Kelly; Jim, Kathleen & deceased of Flanagan & Brennan Families
Sunday 28th	9am	Kathleen Tormey, Phyllis & Pat Twomey
Donaghmore	10am	Ann, Pat, Betty, Eileen & James Murphy
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	People of the Parish

## Vocations Sunday 2024



The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated on this Sunday of Easter every year. Some people call Vocations Sunday Good Shepherd Sunday. Catholics are encouraged today especially to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the call to pastoral ministry. We pray and support all good priests in ministry across our diocese and ask the Lord for a deepening of the fundamental vocation we all share in following Christ, the Good Shepherd.

### The Good Shepherd Image

One of the great images of Easter is Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The early Christians in the catacomb graves of Rome carved images of the Good Shepherd on stone expressing belief in the resurrection. Today's gospel emphasises the relationship between sheep and their shepherd. Just as sheep learn to trust the sound of their shepherd's voice, the followers of Jesus listen to His voice speaking to them and follow Him to new pasture.



### Trócaire Total 2024

**TRÓCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

A great total of €4397 was collected in our parish for Trócaire during Lent. On behalf of this charity we thank you, the parishioners of Ashbourne and Donaghmore for your generosity and outreach to the poorest of the poor. We thank all who contributed to the Holy Thursday Collection and those who returned their Trócaire box or envelope to us in recent weeks. Trócaire was formed in Ireland 51 years ago and works hard on our behalf in the developing world to alleviate poverty, injustice and suffering.



### LMFM Mass is From Ashbourne Church

This Sunday morning Mass on LMFM is from Ashbourne. The recording happens thanks to our parish webcam facility. We thank Fr. Stephen, the Saturday evening choir and everyone involved in the Mass for bringing our Mass to the listeners of LMFM.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 10.30am to 8pm



Confessions this Saturday 5 to 6pm.

# PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS. THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

## Where Vocations Are Born

In this year's message for the sixth first Vocations Sunday Pope Francis thanks priests and religious for their service. He highlights the important role of the family in fostering vocations. He urges us to constantly pray for vocations. He addresses young people who feel distant to the Church and encouraged them to be challenged by Christ. Pope Francis praises the rich amount of talents and vocations within the Church and asks all the baptised to become men and women of hope. He concludes by asking us all to embrace our vocation and to let Christ guide our steps.



*'I encourage you to pray for priests' he said. 'For your parish priest, for those who are close to you so that through your prayer, the Lord strengthens them in their vocation and comforts them in their ministry and that they may always be ministers of the Joy of the Gospel, for all people'*

*Pope Francis—Papal Audience - 17 June 2020*

## Becoming a Priest or Religious Sister

To become a priest or religious sister one should have a strong faith and feel a calling from God to offer one's life to the building up of the Christian community on earth. It takes several years of study, reflection and discernment for this to happen. If anyone feels that they might have a calling they should contact their local priest who will guide them in the right direction. Fr. Tony Gonoude of Ballycarrigy Parish is our Vocations Director. More details of vocations in the Diocese of Meath are found on the diocesan website.



*'You will set the world on fire if you do what God calls us to be'.*

*St. Catherine of Siena*

## Clearing out the Old National School

Two years ago the Parish Office relocated to the Parish Centre. On Tuesday morning last the Old National School was emptied of its contents. The newly completed store room next to Ashbourne Church was filled with items important to the pastoral and liturgical life of the parish. We thank the thirteen volunteers who helped on the day.



## After School Sacramental Classes 2024- 2025



Registration for the parish after school classes starting in September has begun. The programme provides instruction for catholic children in non catholic schools in Ashbourne. Registration forms with details of the classes and all that is involved for parents are available from our priests after Sunday Masses. Completed forms and contribution for the first term should be returned to the parish office before the last day of May.

## Anointing with New Easter Oil

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be part of the 10am daily Mass on the last day of the month, Tuesday morning, April 30th. Every two months our parish offers the opportunity for parishioners to receive this sacrament. This will be the first time the new oil of holy anointing will be used in our parish since it was blessed by Bishop Tom at the Chrism Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week. As followers of Jesus, we recall how Jesus was close to the sick, and as Christians we always pray for those who are sick, infirm and in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing.



## Ashbourne Recycling Day



On Saturday next from 8am to 4pm the annual recycling Day takes place in the Ashbourne Retail Park. It is most important that we as Christians recycle and reuse material goods as best we can as part of our commitment to looking after the created world that God has entrusted mankind with.

## Quantity of Stones

Three crates of stone that have been with the parish for several years are looking for a new home. Are you a farmer or gardener that would like some stone to help you with your work? If interested in acquiring the free stone please let the Parish Office know.



## Second Collection Today for Vocations

There is a second collection at masses this Sunday after the distribution of Holy Communion. The collection



goes towards students for the priesthood. Meath Diocese has three students in training at the moment. A man from Navan parish was ordained a deacon earlier this year. Last



Sunday's Collection Total Amounts: Plate €1835; Shrines €980; Development Fund €980. Gratitude is expressed to all those who generously give to our parish.

## Praying for the Deceased of Our Parish

We pray for Ciarán Finn of Tudor Close and Paddy Woods of Maple Grove whose Catholic funerals took place during the week. May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Easter. Amen.

